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Response to 1/25/2005 Office Action

Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed 1/25/2005, and submits the following in complete response thereto, and requests reconsideration of the Claims presented.

This Response:

Amends Claims 1, 8, and 11 as required in the Office Action;

Cancels Claim 17;

Requests reconsideration of the finality of the Office Action;

Summarizes the telephone interview of 3/8/2005.

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After this amendment, there are 3 independent claims and 16 total claims. Applicant previously paid for 3 independent claims and 20 dependent claims. Accordingly, there is no fee due for additional claims.

This amendment and response is filed within two months of the mailing of the Office Action. Accordingly, no extension fee is due.

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